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To mel_langdon@dec.state.ak.us, Tara Martich/R10/USEPA/US@EPA

cc

Subject Aurora Energy/Alaska Railroad discharge

Hello Mel and Tara,

I am not even sure you are still handling industrial runoff and discharges so I hope this winds up in the appropriate hands.

I have had concerns regarding the drainage and runoff from the coal facility here in Seward for quite some time. I have asked the RR for a copy of their SWPPP but never received a reply much less the document to review.

We recently located the outfall culvert which drains the Coal terminal's settling pond and ditch alongside the stockpiled coal. There is a screen that prevents adult salmon from getting past the underground culvert but numerous smolt migrate through the screen into the ditch and pond.

With years of coal dust accumulations and precipitation this is certainly a discharge of substantial concern. Would this be considered a "point source" requiring an NPDES permit? Also can you provide guidance as to how I may obtain a copy of their current SWPPP for review?

Thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of our environment.

Regards, Russ

(See attached file: IMG_8482settling-pond-culvert.jpg)